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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

1925.0050000/JRK/KPP

First Inventor or  
Application Identifier

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Title

Method, System and Computer Program Product for  
Secure Electronic Purchasing from a Plurality of  
Merchants on a Common Web Site

Express Mail Label No.

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 27]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]

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continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath  
or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the  
disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if  
applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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**Box Patent Application**

Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: August 11, 2000  
For: **Method, System and Computer Program Product for Secure  
Electronic Purchasing from a Plurality of Merchants on a Common  
Web Site**  
Inventors: WIRTZ *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1925.0050000/JRK/KPP

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method, System and Computer Program Product for Secure Electronic  
Purchasing from a Plurality of Merchants on a Common Web Site**

and naming as inventors:

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John L. Bendler

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the application comprising:

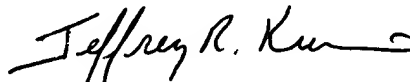
- a. specification containing:
  - i. 20 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 6 pages of claims ( 1-25 claims);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 7 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-7 );
- 3. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (*in duplicate*); and
- 4. Two (2) return postcards.

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